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SUBJ: PERMANENT US MILITARY MISSION IN KUWAIT

1. ARRIVAL OF COL MURPHREE AND TDY PRESENCE HERE OF COL KELLY HAS AFFORDED US OPPORTUNITY INTENSIVELY STUDY SUBJECT OF PERMANENT US MILITARY MISSION IN KUWAIT. UP TO NOW WE HAVE ADHERED TO POSITION, WHICH WE BELIEVE HAS BEEN GENERALLY CONCURRED IN BY STATE AND DOD, THAT WE SHOULD HOLD OFF DECISION REGARDING NATURE OF US MILITARY PRESENCE IN KUWAIT UNTIL KUWAITI INTENTIONS REGARDING PURCHASE OF US WEAPONS AND SERVICES BECOME CLEAR. HOWEVER, WE NOW BELIEVE THERE GOOD REASONS TO MOVE MORE QUICKLY.

2. OUR RATIONALE IS AS FOLLOWS: DESPITE FACT WE AS YET HAVE NO SIGNED CASES, WE OPTIMISTIC THAT GOK WILL ULTIMATELY GO AMERICAN ON SOME IF NOT MOST OF ITS MAJOR DEFENSE PROGRAMS. BECAUSE KUWAITIS APPARENTLY DO NOT FEEL SAME SENSE OF URGENCY TO ACQUIRE WEAPONS THAT THEY DID IN SPRING, THEY HAVE EMBARKED ON CAREFUL PROGRAM OF EXAMINING THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND APPRAISING COST IMPLICATIONS OF EACH DECISION. ACCORDINGLY, IT CLEAR THEY WILL CONTINUE NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE. IT BOUND
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TO BE IN OUR INTEREST, BOTH IN SHORT RUN TO INCLUENCE FINAL

SALES DECISIONS AND IN LONG RUN TO ESTABLISH CLOSE COOPERATION WITH KUWAITI MILITARY, FOR OUR MILITARY TO BE ON SPOT HERE DURING THIS STUDY PERIOD. THIS AVAILABILITY WOULD MOREOVER NOT ONLY BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY KUWAITIS BUT WOULD PROVIDE WASHINGTON WITH MUCH VALUABLE ON-GOING INFORMATION ABOUT EVOLVING KUWAITI PROGRAMS.

3. COLS MURPHREE AND KELLY AND I THEREFORE WISH PRESENT FOLLOWING PROPOSALS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

A. ORGANIZATION

BILLET	RANK	SERVICE	SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS
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(1) CHIEF	06	MC	AVIATOR W/BROAD TACTICAL & TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE IN AIR/GRND OPNS INCL AD,SAM, EW
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(2) SIGNAL OFFICER	04	A	COMM SYSTEM ENG W/RADAR BACK-GROUND
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(3) ORDNANCE OFFICER	04/05	A	MAINTENANCE, LOGISTICS BACK-GROUND
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(4) AIR OFFICER	04	AF/N	FIGHTER/ATTACK PILOT DEPENDING ON ACFT DECISION. EXPERIENCE IN TACTICS AND TRNG COMMAND
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(5) AIR DEFENSE OFFICER	04/05	MC	OPERATIONS CONTROLLER W/INTEGRATED AD CONTROL (A/C AND HAWK) AND TPS-32/HAWK BACKGROUHD.
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(6) AVIATION SUPPLY OFFICER	04	AF	BACKGROUND IN A/C AND ELECTRONICS SUPPORT
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LINES (3) AND (6) SHOULD HAVE PRIOR FMS EXPERIENCE

B. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLY THAT AT LEAST TWO OF ABOVE OFFICERS HAVE WESTERN ARABIC LANGUAGE CAPABILITY PREFERABLY LINES 3 AND 6.

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C. TWO CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL POSITIONS ADDITIVE TO ABOVE T/O (US HIRES).

D. MISSION DESIGNATION: US DEFENSE MISSION, KUWAIT.

E. FUNDING FOR MISSION THROUGH NORMAL MAP CHANNELS. COMMAND AND CONTROL CHANNELS NORMAL TO WORLDWIDE MAAG PROGRAM.

F. STATUS OF FORCES CONSIDERATIONS TO BE FORWARDED SEPTTEL.

G. DETAILS OF EMBASSY SUPPORT OF ABOVE MISSION AND POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE IN KIND ARE BEING EXPLORED AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

4. SOME OF THE PROPOSALS PARA 3 WERE GENERALLY DISCUSSED WITH MINDEF SHAIKH SAAD ON JULY 31. HE ASKED THAT THE SUBJECT BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH GENERAL MUBARAK UPON LATTER'S RETURN TO KUWAIT AT THE END OF AUGUST.

5. PROGRAM DEFINITION REQUIREMENTS FOR JOC AND AIR DEFENSE CONTROL HAVE PROGRESSED TO POINT THAT IN ADDITION TO COL MURPHREE STAFFING OF LINES 2 AND 5 IS REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERAL MUBARAK AND HIS CONCURRENCE OBTAINED. WE WOULD PREFER THE STAFFING OF REMAINDER OF T/O TAKE PLACE AS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS DEVELOP.

6. RECOMMENDATION: IF STATE/DOD CONCUR, RECOMMEND THAT PLANNING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ABOVE PROPOSALS BE BEGUN SOONEST SINCE WE ANTICIPATE MUBARAK'S APPROVAL OF THIS ARRANGEMENT SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN.
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